

Students Sue to Block Nadler Plan

by Mark Schleifstein
Associate Editor

The new student government proposal, authored by Jerry Nadler, exploded into controversy Tuesday as two suits were filed in the GW Student Court, asking for injunctions against Nadler.

Nadler had already changed his mind on his proposal and called for a constitutional assembly instead, but the two suits asked for injunctions against this move as well.

Scott Sklar, past president of the Program Board, and David Mabo, current Public Affairs chairman of the Program Board, were the



David Mabo: seeks Student Court injunction against proposal.

authors of the suits.

Nadler said the Columbian College Advisory Council altered their mandate for a student government to one for a constitutional convention because they felt criticism by both the *Hatchet* and University President Lloyd H. Elliott was justified.

The *Hatchet* had run an editorial last Monday criticizing the move as rushed, not well thought out, and formulated without student input. Elliott said he'd have troubles accepting the student government proposal for the same reasons as the *Hatchet*, according to Nadler.

The major controversy, though, seems to be a feeling on the part of supporters of the All-University Assembly that Nadler's proposals undermine their efforts just when they need complete agreement within the student body.

The score on AUA now stands three to two, with the students, staff, and alumni voting for the proposal and the Faculty Senate and Faculty Assembly voting against.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet in May, and will probably take up the AUA question at that time. Both Sklar and Mabo feel that a call for student govern-



Jerry Nadler: alters his Student Senate proposal.

ment now undermines the move for the AUA.

"The people against the AUA have been saying, 'why don't you form a student government?' and here the students are already compromising," Sklar said. "It's bad timing—let it (AUA) die first."

Sklar said he already saw two Trustees who were members of the Alumni Board vote for the AUA, and saw no reason before now for them to change their minds.

But, according to Prof. Peter Hill, secretary to the Columbian College Advisory Council, the original Board of Trustees report called for both an AUA and a student government. He based his informa-

tion on a conversation he had with the board's Vice Chairman, Everett H. Bellows.

Hill said Bellows told him a student government would have no effect on their considerations of the AUA.

He added that attacks against the advisory committees were incorrect when they claimed that the committees had no power. He said they now have the power to advise the Faculty Senate.

Bellows, in an interview Wednesday, said that whether or not a form of student government is started at this point would have no effect on the board's AUA decision. He added that the board has found it difficult to bring problems before the student body with no student government.

Bellows added that the creation of an AUA would make a separate student government unnecessary.

Mabo, in his petition to the student court said, "The Nadler proposal for a student government allows each division of the Advisory Council to choose the method of selection for their representatives to the Constitutional Convention. This is a most definite violation of the Statement on Student Rights, in

that it does not allow for the mandatory election of representatives."

"As students, we feel that it is the duty of the Student Court to safeguard these rights by taking action to negate the decision to hold a convention without the final action of the Board of Trustees behind them, or the expressed support of the Student Body as shown in a direct and open referendum."

Mabo's suit is signed by seven other students, and Sklar's is signed by two other students. Mabo said he

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Commuters: Part of Community?

by Casey Marshall and Norm Guthartz
Hatchet Staff Writers

"I never lived on campus, because it seemed rather boring, but I do feel part of it. I don't think living on campus necessarily makes you feel more involved."

Linda Casey is one of about 5700 students who commute to GW every day and are confronted with problems very different from those of the University's approximately 1900 resident students.

According to a recent computer tabulation of zip codes, Thomas T. Peoples, associate director of the commuter center, said 40 per cent of the GW Community lives within a one mile radius of Washington Circle, and 50 per cent live beyond a two mile radius of campus. The GW Community includes students, staff, and faculty.

By GW's definition, a student can live anywhere from suburban Maryland to across from Building C, and still be classified as a commuter, according to David Speck, director of Student Activities. Speck has been working to alleviate some of the problems of commuting students.

"When I was an undergrad I lived in Thurston and Strong (halls)," said Law Center student Joan Strand. "I moved off campus because it was cheaper and the (cooking) facilities were better."

Some students chose not to live in University housing because of the high cost, the unfavorable quality of dormitory life, and Macke food. Many said they preferred the independence of living in their own apartments, in addition to the students who like the convenience of living with their parents.

Despite the advantages to off-campus living, there are special problems which commuters face. Costs of gasoline and parking, lack of parking space, little identification with campus life, difficulty in establishing relationships with other students, and difficulty in studying on campus were named by Speck as the major problems.

"Commuter students don't face the same problems as residents. The people in my group were complaining about Macke and I'm not on the meal plan," said Virginia resident Rod Shepherd.

Speck, along with some commuting students, tried to form a group to act as spokesman for commuters in the University last year, but were unsuccessful in generating any student interest. Sarah Rosenberg, one of the commuting students who worked on the idea, said the group would have given commuters a place to take their complaints and get information to make commuting easier.

Rosenberg explained that those planning the group could have done nothing more than they

did. The students and members of Speck's office put flyers onto car windshields, posted notices, and held two meetings for interested students. The only people who attended were two students covering the meeting for a class assignment.

Efforts have been made to develop a feasible car pool system, according to Speck, who is also head of the Ad Hoc Committee on Car Pooling. Officially appointed by GW President Lloyd H. Elliott on Jan. 15, the committee spent two months preparing a report for the Parking Committee.

The report of the car pool committee recommends that pooling be encouraged with

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Despite the advantages of off-campus living, GW's 5,700 commuters must cope with a range of problems.

(photo by Ron Rogers)

Alpha Kappa Women Stir Controversy

by Keith Stouch
Hatchet Staff Writer

The GW chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, a national business fraternity, voted to admit women to its ranks for the first time last September. That choice caused the local chapter to be suspended last week from its national affiliation, and has brought it under investigation by the national committee of Alpha Kappa Psi.

The constitution of the national fraternity, specifically emphasizes that no women are to be admitted.

Last year, however, the University ruled that all honorary and professional organizations must admit members regardless of sex, or fail to be recognized by the University. Consequently the local GW chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, otherwise known as Beta Nu, decided to go coed.

"We couldn't win no matter what we did," said Dr. Edwin Timbers, faculty advisor to Beta Nu. "We were running into a confrontation, so we picked the lesser of two evils. We decided our service to our students was more important than our national affiliation."

Paul Marshall, president of Beta Nu, emphasized that the chapter was dedicated to certain "principles of integrity." "We didn't feel that it was right to admit women just on the basis of being women. It's definitely on an equal ability basis."

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Library Open

Since students have expressed urgent need to use library facilities for study and completion of papers, the library will be open regular hours this Sunday, April 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 12 midnight.



As of Wednesday, the "George Calling" telethon team has raised over \$64,000 to help keep the University's

budget in the black. The goal for D.C. contributions is \$70,000. (photo by Martha Howison)

WRGW Managers Make Plans To Improve Station Next Year

by Digby A. Solomon
Asst. News Editor

The new executive board of WRGW, the GW radio station, plans to make the operation visible to students next year—a successful operation to provide the campus with a communications medium in addition to the *Hatchet*. To do so, they plan to overcome some major problems which have plagued the station consistently.

In principle, WRGW is a carrier current station, which means its signal is carried through phone lines to GW dormitories and the Center. Funded and supervised by the speech and drama department, it is run "by and for students," according to faculty advisor David Skolnick.

In practice, the station has been an on-and-off operation, with poor equipment, spotty maintenance, and vague programming. The station has not operated since mid-January. According to Skolnick, new station manager Jeff Kest, and programming director David Schulps, the reasons are:

- Studios had to be remodeled
- Equipment needed repairs
- The tonearms were stolen from three turntables.

The equipment was badly maintained because WRGW's chief engineer had no time to do it. Students at the engineering school were not interested in working with the station.

When the studios were remodeled, the wiring failed to pass inspection, according to Lloyd S. Bowling, head of speech and drama. The wiring was replaced, the new doorways were installed, but doors were held up by the

truckers strike. The doors have arrived, but new locks ordered after the thefts have not been installed by Physical Plant.

This year's executive board was blamed for poor management by several people none of whom wished to be named. According to these complainants, Station Manager Charles Locks and Program Manager Steve Rothman failed to inform members of their program schedules, put little time into their jobs, and had little knowledge of the basic principles of running a station. "To the extent the station fails," said one, "it's the executive board's fault."

Locks could not be reached for comment, but Rothman said "I have put in more time than I perhaps should have (from three to four hours a day)." He added, that many chronic complainers failed to go to him or Locks with their specific criticisms. Locks had little management experience, he said, but was the only one willing to take the job.

According to Skolnick, the station is more than a training center or an adjunct to speech and drama, but a GW Community station. Kest, Schulps, assistant manager Brad Fisch, and Skolnick all feel WRGW can compete on campus in a city where both AM and FM bands are filled with stations, because they feel WRGW has programming no one else can offer.

The new board plans to offer music, and a series of public affairs programs tailored to specific campus tastes and needs. No staff members have been found who are willing and able to produce the latter. According to Bowling, "you can take it from me! We will be on the air next year."

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intends to introduce an amendment to his petition on Friday to add the names of more students who agree with his reasoning.

The Student Court will combine arguments on both the Sklar and Mabo petitions when they meet at 3:30 p.m. in Room 426 of the Center on Friday.

Sklar's suit calls the petitioning of students for positions on both the Student Senate and the constitutional assembly illegal. He goes on to say:

"The Advisory Councils of GW are not policy bodies, nor do they have any claim for representatives of the student body. They have no authority to set up any duly authorized advisory board (such as the Joint Committee), and thus are acting here without any legitimate authority. Clearly if all the non-policy boards at GW decided off-the-cuff to set up student senates, we could have five such petitionings for different senates within the week."

The Center Governing Board also issued a statement opposing the senate move.

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Telethon Phones Get Busy Signal

by Ron Ostroff

Hatchet Staff Writer

"Hello, George calling for the George Washington University Annual Fund Telethon."

That's what over 24,000 Washington area alumni have heard in the past three weeks, and will be hearing until tonight, as GW continues its drive for alumni financial support.

Four nights per week, Monday thru Thursday, from March 18 to April 11, students, teachers, alumni, administrators and friends of the University become part of the constant chatter going out over about 30 phone lines in Center rooms 413-14, as they try to talk GW back into the black, financially speaking.

According to Director of Alumni Support Ron Howard, "this year is the first year that GW has had a deficit in over ten years."

The annual Development Office-run telethon, which has a national goal of \$100,000, has operated or plans to operate phone banks in the northeastern, southern, and western areas of the country, in addition to the D.C. metropolitan area.

Among other cities covered by the telethon are New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Seattle, San Francisco, Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, Denver, Miami, Baltimore, and Richmond.

National Telethon Chairman J. Dallas Shirley said that since most GW alumni are in the D.C. area, the telethon goal for D.C. is \$70,000, while the goal for the rest of the country is only \$30,000.

Shirley said the telethon had "three purposes in mind: to get contributions, to make a personal contact to project communications, and to get the by-products of those communications (eventual financial support) in later years."

With the phones in operation from 6:30 to 9:30 each evening and a nightly goal of \$4,100, over \$64,000 has been raised thus far to keep GW's budget in balance, to purchase books for the new Law, Medical and University libraries, to keep tuition from going even higher, as well as to provide student loans and scholarships. The Telethon also enables experimental programs to continue, and helps pay the University's utility bill, which increased over \$500,000 in the last year.

Howard said many foundations and corporations base their decision on how much money to offer a university on the percentage of alumni support that the University receives.

When Howard makes his calls for pledges, he said he tries to keep the alumni of the University informed of the current GW situation. "I try to bring them up to date and clear up any misconceptions they have about the University," he said.

On one evening, Howard contacted three 1908 graduates of the National Law Center and told them about some of the many changes that have taken place since they left the school. After the conversations, he invited them to come to the University for lunch and a tour of the campus.

Howard said they had graduated from the National Law Center before it merged with the GW Law School to form the current GW National Law Center. Furthermore, he said, the location of the University has changed—now it is further uptown. "One of the reasons why some of the old grads haven't visited the campus in so long," he added, "is because they might not have been able to find it."

Listening to the chatter toward the end of the evening, one could hear a student trying to convince an alumnus to contribute.

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Khmer Ambassador Asks For U.S. "Moral Support"

by Becky Dickinson
Hatchet Staff Writer

Um Sim, Khmer Republic ambassador to the U.S., called for "stronger diplomatic and moral support" for his nation Monday, saying "We need the bargaining power of the U.S. in the negotiating with the other side."

Speaking before a small group in the Center, Um Sim said that whether or not North Vietnam again invades South Vietnam and the republic, formerly known as Cambodia, depends on the military strength of those nations, and "to a greater extent, the attitude of all the

major powers involved in Indochina."

Military aid from the U.S., he said, is "essential as long as the other side still receives military aid from the communist side."

The Khmer government, headed since 1970 by U.S.-backed President Lon Nol, is battling native communist insurgents, who according to Um Sim, are supplied with war materials by the People's Republic of China through North Vietnam.

The U.S. finds it difficult to understand the Khmer Republic's problems, said the ambassador, because of the ethnic and cultural

differences between the two nations. In addition, he said, the people of the U.S. have shared in the Khmer Republic's long ordeal and "some of them are fed up; what they want is to get out of it at any cost."

Nevertheless, Um Sim said, relations between the Khmer Republic and the U.S. "have always been warm and cordial, despite some minor instigations made by the communist inspired factions." He asked that the U.S. "continue to assist us in every way possible to obtain peace, which is so vital for the development of our country."

Um Sim noted that former head of state Prince Sihanouk had been solely responsible for conducting Khmer foreign relations, but "this does not mean that the communists and pro-communist elements in Cambodia had nothing to do with the shaping of our foreign policy."

Sihanouk was pressured by Chou En Lai of China, Um said, and at the same time by the U.S., which he said used neighboring countries with historical animosity towards Cambodia.

Understaffed Hospital To Hire More Nurses

by Mark Lacter
News Editor

(Ed. Note: This is the second of a two-part series dealing with personnel problems at GW Hospital.)

GW Hospital administrators insist that the personnel problems that are plaguing the institution will ease considerably when more nurses are hired in July.

In a report issued to GW Hospital Administrator Donald C. Novak, Margaret Gallagher, chief of nursing operations, said there is a growing need for more registered nurses (RN's), licensed practical nurses (LPN's) and nursing assistants.

"Patient care demands are becoming increasingly complex... There is now definitive understaffing of personnel on all services," the report said. Although the exact number of additional nurses to be hired was not released, hospital officials expect the number to be over 100.

Even after the nurses are hired in July, it will take about three months, according to Gallagher, to train the new people on GW Hospital procedures.

Monday's *Hatchet* reported that several GW nurses were unhappy with working conditions on the floors. In response to this, Gallagher said it takes time for the RN's, LPN's and nursing assistants to cooperate and work as a team.

"If an RN delegates an assignment to a nursing assistant, the RN has the responsibility of enforcing that action," said Gallagher. "It takes time to work cooperation through," she added.

Gallagher readily admits that the youth of many RN's could present certain problems. "Those [an RN] supervises might very well be mature and older." Gallagher went on to say that the more experienced personnel might be somewhat reluctant to take orders from the young RN's.

In reference to the question of race, Gallagher said, "Peoples' cultures have to be understood. There has to be free give and take." Asked whether she feels there is a racial conflict between the nurses, Gallagher only replied "I would hope not."

While many nurses questioned were satisfied with the way Gallagher has handled the personnel needs of the hospital, others were not.

"If one of us was deathly sick and unable to work," said Barbara Wilson, a hospital worker who was fired in November for protesting in the hospital lobby, "Miss Gallagher would say, 'It's just your head. You'll feel better once you start working.'"

Another complaint mentioned was the lack of set rules for placing a nurse on probation. "You could be placed on probation for an hour, two days, a week, a month, and it's the RN who has the power to do it," said a nursing assistant currently working at the hospital.

Gallagher could not be reached for comment on the charge of indiscriminate probation.

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Um Sim, Khmer Republic ambassador to the United States, calls for American support during a Monday speech. (photo by Karin Epstein)

Adams Closing Jogs Memories

by Mark Brodsky
Hatchet Staff Writer

The plaster may be falling off the ceiling, the walls may need a new paint job, and the floors may be dusty and unswept, but there's no place like home. And home for about 100 students at 730 19th Street is Adams Hall, slated to close June 30th.

Adams is being returned to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which brought the building in 1969 and agreed to loan it to GW for five years. IMF plans to remake the dorm into an office building.

Adams is a stately old building near Pennsylvania Avenue, and the din of the traffic and the sound of pedestrians floats through the windows. Yet the noise does not seem to bother the Adams residents too much, and most of them described it as "one of the best dorms."

None of the residents will be shedding tears about the closing of Adams, but there were a few regrets expressed.

Chip Fossett, resident director of Adams, said "It's a nice place to live. This year has been pretty good for Adams; there haven't been any real problems. Yet, I can't feel too much nostalgia about the closing of Adams." Fossett said Adams had a better atmosphere than dorms like Thurston.

Mike Hirsch, a graduate student living on the eighth floor of Adams said he too felt little emotion in having

to leave Adams.

Mark Lacter, who lived in the building last year, said that he hated Adams. "Last year there were rats running through the corridors and in the elevators," Lacter said. "The building was in terrible condition, unfit for human habitation," he added.

Yet Richard Dagavarian said the dorm was "not bad." The rooms, he said, are bigger than those in most dorms. Most of the rooms only have two students in them, and the dorm itself could accommodate 172 students, although there are only 100 currently in the building.

Dagavarian said, "It's more the people in the dorm, not just the dorm itself." Perhaps that best expresses the sentiments of most residents.

Adams houses students of all grade levels, graduate students occupying the seventh and eighth floors. Adams also houses most of GW's scholarship athletes.

Many of the other residents also seemed apathetic about the closing of Adams. And indeed, it would be hard to get emotionally involved with a building. Mark Ashton summed up the feeling of many Adams residents: "The Sistine Chapel it ain't!"

Anne Webster, director of housing, said most of the Adams's residents would be placed in other dorms. Many of the residents, however, said they will be moving to apartments. Webster said GW has no plans or need to buy a dorm to replace Adams.

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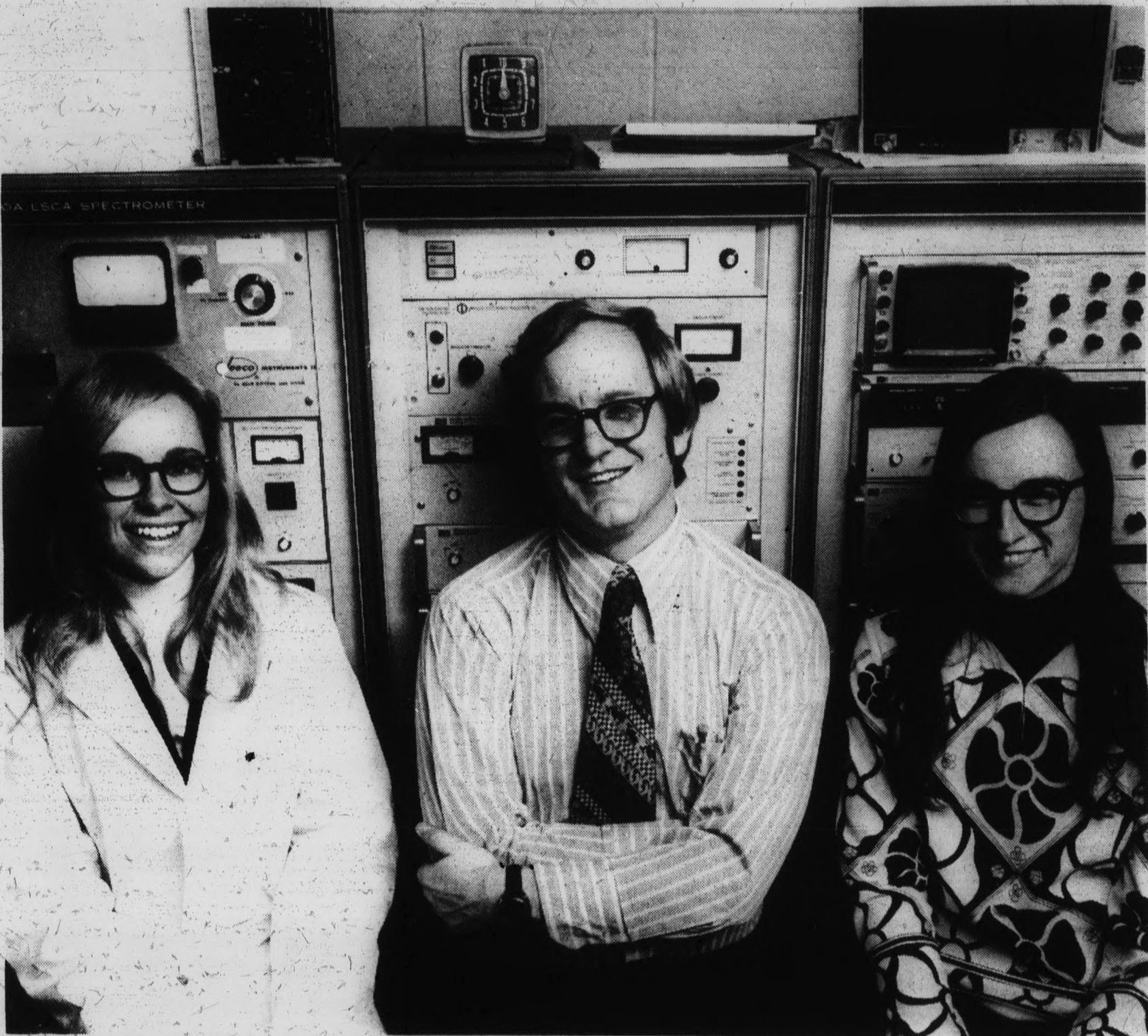
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Parking Costs Cause Problems

decreased parking rates and preferential parking for car pools, said Joseph Mello, director of the Parking Office. But, he argued that preferential parking would not be feasible because it would cut down on the number of spaces available to students who must park on a first-come first-serve basis.

The system for car pooling would not be exclusively for students, however, because the problems of parking and obtaining gasoline are not exclusive, Speck said. Students, staff, and faculty would ride together, because "it's the democratic way to do it," he added.

Questionnaires have been distributed by the car pool committee to find out how many commuting students are part of pools, and to see if an organized system of pooling would be feasible, according to Mello. The replies so far show that

28 per cent of commuting students take part in car pools.

Only 500 questionnaires have been completed and returned to the Parking Office and parking attendants, Mello termed the response "disappointing."

Speck said the commuter group failed to materialize, because the problems of commuters do not lend themselves to being solved by an organization.

Rosenberg complained of a lack of University interest in solving the problems of commuters. For example, she said, commuters were not warned in advance of the closing of the parking lot on the construction site of the Charles E. Smith Center for Physical Education.

The 200 cars normally accommodated by the lot had to be parked at the Kennedy Center parking field and the Colonial Parking garage on

22nd and L Streets, which later closed, said Rosenberg.

Many students who once lived on campus, and now live elsewhere in the city, said they have learned more about Washington since moving.

"When I lived on campus, I tended to stay here all the time," said Strand.

Suggestions that commuters had for the administration to make commuter life easier were more indoor bicycle racks and separate commuter and non-commuter Impact Sponsor groups.

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Editorials

Settle For Second Best?

With every passing day the proposal for a Student Senate, even with recent modifications and compromises (see story, p. 1), seems to be more ill-fated.

Jerry Nadler, spokesman for those favoring the reformation of a student government, deserves a good deal of credit for his interest, his concern, and willingness to compromise. But, at this time, compromise does not appear to be enough to satisfy the ire of his opponents. We believe, for good reason.

Certainly we do not oppose the idea of a Student Senate on ideologic grounds; nor do we oppose Mr. Nadler's proposal for personal bias, as do many of his antagonists. Instead, we feel that the concept of a Student Senate should be tabled, not discarded, because of the inopportune timing. This decision is based on an evaluation of priorities.

It appears to us that if student support was placed behind the new student government (as well it must to have any merit or value), it would severely cripple, if not kill, the chances for the Board of Trustees to ratify the AUA proposal. Students, though not providing overwhelming support, have still been the principle advocates for the AUA. Any dichotomy of student support would undoubtedly hurt their overall cause. So it comes to a question of what is more important.

In pitting the values of a separate student government against those of an AUA, the pluses of the latter body far outweigh those of a Student Senate. An All-University Assembly is as close to meeting the ideal for students and the entire GW Community as we can realistically hope for. It would be a shame to throw away this chance, by sacrificing and compromising away all of our best interests, just to settle for a Student Senate, which is second best.

Significantly, the AUA is certainly not dead yet. In a *Hatchet* survey of Trustee members there was no strong or overwhelming opposition found towards the AUA, but rather a clear indication of willingness to hear out all of the arguments, pro and con.

Business Success

We commend the GW chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi (Beta Nu) for its decision to admit women despite the national charter rules forbidding them to do so (see story, p. 1). Although, to a certain extent a reluctant decision, it was made in the best interest of students.

Other fraternal organizations, such as Alpha Kappa Psi, should realize that many college women of today are interested enough and qualified enough to warrant admission into their ranks. The business society's action will hopefully set a precedent for other campus and national organizations, allowing them to break with this senseless and prejudicial tradition.

Similarly, the University is also to be commended for its decision of a year ago that requires local chapters of such organizations to eliminate sexism from their admissions policies.

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Random Sample of Trash

Everyone I know seems to be working for a professor these days—grading papers, doing research, or simply filling in circles on coding sheets. Wanting to get into the act, I recently went to the political science office to ask for a job. The secretary told me that competition for undergraduates was stiff, and that the only job commensurate with my abilities was a position emptying garbage cans several times a week. Ecstatic about the opportunity to work in academia, and remembering that some of our nation's greatest leaders started out in such lowly positions as pumping gas in Whittier, I gladly accepted the position.

Never expecting the job to be overly exciting, I was pleasantly surprised the first day when I spied some interesting items in the trash from the political science department: several empty cans of moustache was in Professor Starrel's trash, a burnt-out calculator from Professor Darcy, Professor Linden's copy of Hobbes' *Leviathan* in the original English, the addresses of Professor Wayne's joke writers, and, from Professor Morgan, a statement charging his *The Devil in Miss Jones* ticket to the department as a "business expense".

But the most interesting item was a crumpled draft of a questionnaire that was apparently intended as an addendum to the political science teacher evaluations:

(1) Indicate your party preference:

- a) Strong Republican.
- b) Strong Democrat.
- c) Strom Thurmond.
- d) prefer parties with booze and women.

(2) The government is run:

- a) for the benefit of a few big interests.
- b) for the benefit of all big interests.

(3) Government should see to it that blacks receive fair treatment:

- a) disagree.
- b) agree as long as they don't marry my sister.

(4) Impeachment means:

- a) removal from office.
- b) indictment by the House.
- c) a national peach boycott.
- d) a new flavor from Baskin-Robbins.

(5) People today are too wishy-washy:

- a) agree.
- b) disagree.
- c) can't decide.

(6) My most effective means of political influence is:

- a) voting.
- b) hanging government officials in effigy.
- c) streaking.

(7) The biggest crisis facing the government today is:

- a) Watergate.
- b) the energy crisis.
- c) the toilet paper shortage.

d) mass hysteria of Hollywood starlets over Henry Kissinger's marriage.

(8) People vote for a candidate because:

- a) they agree with the candidate's issue positions.
- b) he or she is from the same political party.
- c) the candidate is good looking.
- d) Nixon endorsed the candidate's opponent.

(9) Martha Mitchell is:

- a) the wife of Watergate defendant and ex-Attorney General John Mitchell.
- b) a big-mouth gossip columnist.
- c) a public relations expert for the phone company.

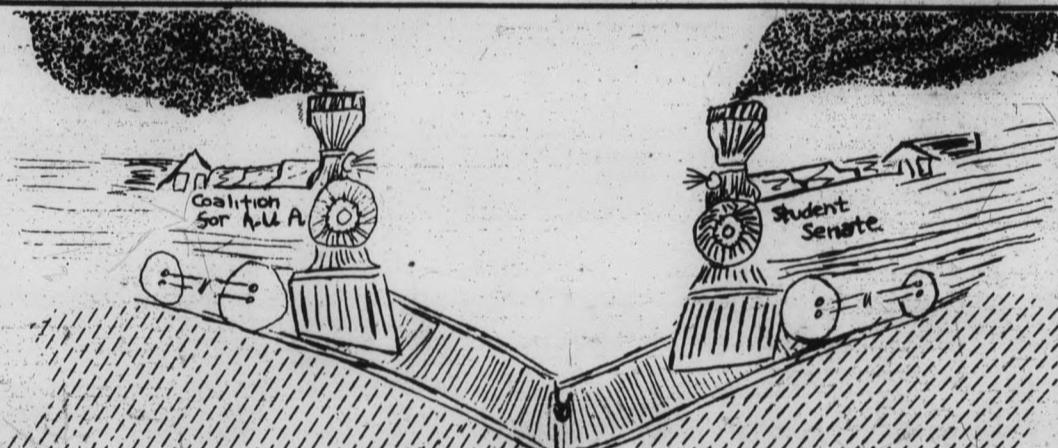
(10) In 1968 the candidates for President were:

- a) Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey.
- b) Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum.
- c) All of the above.

At the bottom of the questionnaire was a pencilled-in note from political science department chairman LeBlanc: "This is not what I had in mind when I suggested the department become more relevant."

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Letters to the Editor



Commentary on Student Senate

The recent action of Jerry Nadler and the Columbian College Advisory Council aimed at resurrecting a Student Senate is commendable insofar as it demonstrates students' concern for the University. Otherwise, having been conceived in a vacuum without meaningful student input or approval, and with such haste that it begs me to search for an impending crisis, the action demands close scrutiny before the forming of an opinion.

I have no problems with Mr. Nadler's intentions; without a doubt, students need to have a legitimate, unified voice in the University. This need, however, does not justify imposing on students a system of government they have neither designed nor approved, particularly when it comes soon after a referendum that clearly revealed student opinion in favor of an AUA.

Contrary to Mr. Nadler's pronouncement of death, the AUA proposal is still very much alive. Both

President Elliott and ODK (an honorary leadership society) are still entertaining comments on the proposal with the hope of developing a workable proposal that is least objectionable, if not acceptable, to all segments of the University. The Board of Trustees has not yet considered the AUA proposal, and it is the body that must ultimately decide. A few Trustees have even indicated their support for the proposal.

Despite their good intentions, then, Nadler et. al have made some serious mistakes. They have misrepresented the current status of the AUA proposal, deceptively implied that the Student Senate is a cure-all for the lack of a student voice in the University, and deserted what they mistook as a sinking ship in favor of higher ground, in a manner that is most repugnant to democracy.

Bob Chlopak

I regret that members of the faculty totally rejected the notion of offering students a voice in the policy making process at GW.

However, this lack of meaningful student input can be rectified by the

Student Senate proposal currently before the various schools and colleges. This realistic proposal for student government offers a viable alternative to the now deceased AUA, and deserves the attention of all segments of the University.

John H. Denick

Student government was abolished at GW four years ago because its members felt they were being ignored in the process of University decision-making, and because they saw their assembly as a "Mickey Mouse system." They coupled their act of abolition with a demand for the creation of an AUA in which, as an integral part of a larger community, student voices would have to be listened to.

Proponents of turning back the clock point to what they see as the probable demise of the AUA proposal—and there is no definite evidence that it is probable—as an excuse for reactionary behavior. Ignored here is the simple argument that is the overwhelming and long-standing support of students, alumnae (See LETTERS, p. 7)

by Nancine and Nadine Dombrowski

More Letters

ni, and staff can be so easily ignored, then student views expressed singly through any assembly can be just as easily disregarded when opposed.

The proposed Student Senate claims only the authority to advise; hence any power would come from the willingness of the President and Trustees to listen. Yet the Senate is proposed precisely because these same entities are presumed unwilling to listen. The logical inconsistency becomes apparent.

At another time the reestablishment of a student government might be seen as a gesture as harmless as it would be ineffectual, yet at this time it presents an imminent threat, for it would do irreparable damage to the prospects of a favorable disposition of the AUA issue by the Board of Trustees. In the first place, a repudiation of the abolitionist acts of the former student government could be interpreted as a rejection not only of its disbanding, but also of its demand for an AUA, for the two are intertwined in effect, and are certainly inseparable in the eyes of many.

Furthermore, the concept of student government has been presented by many administrators and faculty members as an alternative to the AUA, and student support for such a body would strengthen its position as a "satisfactory compromise measure." While the favorable disposition of many faculty and administrators towards the prospect of a Student Senate is quite understandable, the glee displayed by certain students towards the proposal is much more difficult to justify, for if successful, they would almost certainly kill the chances for real student involvement in GW governance.

The founders and members of a student government would almost certainly leave a mark on the GW Community, but, then, Benedict Arnold also left a mark.

The AUA proposal has been developed and pushed for many years, and while student leaders may assume the right to ignore alumni and staff in their considerations, their disregard of, and indeed work against, student opinion is both shameful and unforgivable.

The establishment of collaborationist window-dressing government serves definite purposes, but it certainly does not further the aims of the student body. If you would like to examine the question further, there will be a meeting to discuss the issue and to plan student strategy tonight at 10 p.m. in room 410 of the Center.

John O'Mara

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members of the University may be interested to know that the School of Government and Business Administration is also conducting such surveys in all classes of its six departments.

The results of our fall semester survey were placed on reserve in the library last January for student use in spring registration. Each of our departmental secretaries also has a copy of the results for her department which students are invited to examine.

The decision to survey teaching was voted unanimously by the faculty last fall after a year's study. Our specific system was conceived and is administered by the school's Student-Faculty Advisory Council.

I echo the positive sentiments expressed in the political science department about surveying teaching, and I perceive that the idea has wide support from our faculty as well:

Peter B. Vaill
Dean, School of Government and Business Administration

Goldstein Letter Stirs Response

What follows is an open letter to Barry Goldstein and to anyone else who thinks the way he does:

So Barry Goldstein wants to learn how to run for Congress. This seems to be the aspiration of almost every political science major who comes to GW, that institution of higher learning located three blocks west of the White House. Wake up, Barry! If you think for a minute that you are going to learn about the mechanics of a campaign, or the nuts-and-bolts of the government in a classroom, then you are the one who is completely out of touch with reality.

Let's take some personal initiative and get into the "real world," as you call it, and learn about a campaign directly by participating in one. As you undoubtedly know, Barry, there will be 435 seats up this year for the House of Representatives (oops... did I say 435?... that's a number—it doesn't belong in political science... sorry, Barry). I'm sure that some candidate would be happy

to have you work for him or her.

You say that there aren't enough internships. Well, perhaps that's because too many students are too lazy to find placements on their own. One must realize that faculty members have limited contacts. And did you ever consider the possibility of a 100-member seminar if everyone got an internship?

However, if you are that thirsty for knowledge and really want to learn about the workings of our political system, contact a governmental agency or party organization, and volunteer some of your time. Let's not let materialistic rewards, such as six credit hours, hinder our search for truth.

Granted, the department is not perfect, and I am certain that its members realize this also—that is why the evaluation system was instituted. If that story concerning the miffed professor were true, then the matter should have been taken directly to the chairman of the department for his consideration. If students are going to be influenced by every rumor that is started, we are definitely in sick shape.

So look, Barry, I've also been here for four years, and I've enjoyed most of the courses which I've taken in the political science department. I've learned quite a bit concerning the theoretical framework of the political system. What's wrong with that? Why shouldn't we try to understand the behavior of governmental actors?

Even Scope and Methods, a course which I took as an elective, has been helpful to me in "real world" politics. As you may recall, Barry, I was in your class, so perhaps instead of sleeping during those lectures, you should have been listening.

Tony Corbo

Concerning Mr. Goldstein's letter in last Monday's *Hatchet*, I agree with his point of view. It is unfortunate that the political science department does not realize the total potential that the political climate of Washington, D.C., holds for all of us.

This can be illustrated by an en-

counter I had with one member of the political science department. I explained to him that not enough practical knowledge and experience in politics is taught at GW. He said that, "...we're here to teach political scientists, not politicians."

Okay, there is a difference between political science and politics, but this is a poor attitude for any faculty member to take toward a student. First, if anyone wants to be a political scientist, fine, but there are many of us who are studying political science in the hope that it might help us in dealing with the real world of politics.

If the members of the political science department want to be scientists, it seems obvious that a scientist needs a laboratory in which to confirm his theories, inputs, and outputs. What I can't understand is why the best political laboratory that we have, Washington, D.C., is virtually ignored by them, except for the service-learning programs.

What the faculty should note, besides the fact that we and our families pay their salaries, is that many of us do not plan to spend the rest of our lives in a classroom. If we are to be prepared to "step out into the world," there is nothing wrong with mixing academics with some practical experience that we students will need in confronting reality.

Peter M. Small

I was very interested in Barry Goldstein's letter about the political science evaluation in Monday's *Hatchet*. It contained several assertions that should not go unchallenged.

First, Mr. Goldstein contends that many students were afraid to answer the questionnaire because they were familiar with "stories about a professor who penalized a class after receiving a bad evaluation." I question the validity of this statement.

The fall, 1973, evaluation was conducted during the last week of classes, and the results were not tabulated until several months

later—long after the semester was over and grades had been determined. Similarly, the results of the spring, 1973, evaluation were not distributed while that semester was in progress. Such "stories" may have been heard only by Barry.

Second, Mr. Goldstein accuses the *Hatchet* of giving the "very false impression that most students are happy with the department..." How does Mr. Goldstein know that most students are unhappy? Has he conducted a survey asking more appropriate questions? Did he ask several friends what they think? Or is he projecting his own discontent onto the majority of majors who have not expressed an opinion?

It seems to me that if a tremendous demand for more guest lecturers, more internships, and more "courses attuned to the real world" existed, someone would know about it. As far as I can tell, neither the students nor the faculty are aware of it.

In fact, since I have been a member of the department's Advisory Council, only two complaints have been registered with me. One was from a student whose professor was "just too boring," and the other was from Barry Goldstein.

Although I find the bulk of Mr. Goldstein's arguments fictional and not factual, this does not mean I think either the department or the evaluation perfect, or that Barry's suggestions are completely without merit. I do think, however, that in the interest of fair representation, Mr. Goldstein should confine his remarks to his own feelings and let other political science majors speak for themselves.

Martin D. Saperstein

Keep Letters Coming

Deadlines for letters are Tuesday at 4 p.m. for the Thursday edition and Friday at 4 p.m. for the Monday edition. For further information, please contact the editorial page editor or his assistant at the *Hatchet*, Center 433, or call 676-7550.

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Guthridge Tenants Will Not Move, Plan to Negotiate With University

by Karen Lowe
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Guthridge Apartment residents who were sent eviction notices by the University, to make room for 54 Iranian engineering graduate students, met Tuesday evening to draw up demands and a negotiating position with the University. Legal action was also discussed.

Joe Jurand, the coordinator of the struggle to remain in Guthridge, summed up the demands: "We all stay. Let them do what they want with the Iranians. However, we have been trying to help find housing for them."

It was suggested that the Iranian engineering students be placed in the Milton and Munson apartments, the renovated TeKE house, YMCA and the graduate dorms on 22 and H Streets. It was also requested that the tenants be allowed to stay in their apartments when and if new ones become available.

Ann Webster, director of GW housing, said that the Guthridge Apartments were chosen because a package offer was made to the Iranian government for tuition and accommodations by GW. Putting them all together in one building makes them easier to deal with.

Madison Hall was considered, but it was determined that the cooking facilities were inadequate (two kitchens to each floor). Munson Apartments were also considered, but the University did not want to pre-empt those already on the waiting list. The other alternatives were rejected because of poor facilities.

Half of the 54 Iranian students are expected to arrive May 27 and the rest in August. They will be placed in dorms until the lease on the Guthridge Apartments runs out at the end of May.

GW sent letters to students assuring them assistance in finding new housing. Evictees who were not students did not receive these letters. The University also agreed to re-evaluate some of the evictees and is allowing some of the elderly and families to remain.

Students were told that they could stay in Thurston Hall at \$30.00 per week per person. For some of the students, however, this places them in the same predicament they tried to escape by getting an apartment. For married students, it creates a financial strain and places them in

an awkward situation.

The evictees have attempted to retain their apartments on legal grounds and have appealed to the American Civil Liberties Union and Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy for assistance.

However, according to several GW law professors, the evictees have no strong legal point to contest in court, although they did advise the evictees to begin immediately in making demands and negotiating.

The time it would take in pursuing court action would also give the evictees times to put into effect alternative plans if their demands are rejected. A tentative meeting between the evictees and the Administration is planned for this Friday to consider these demands.

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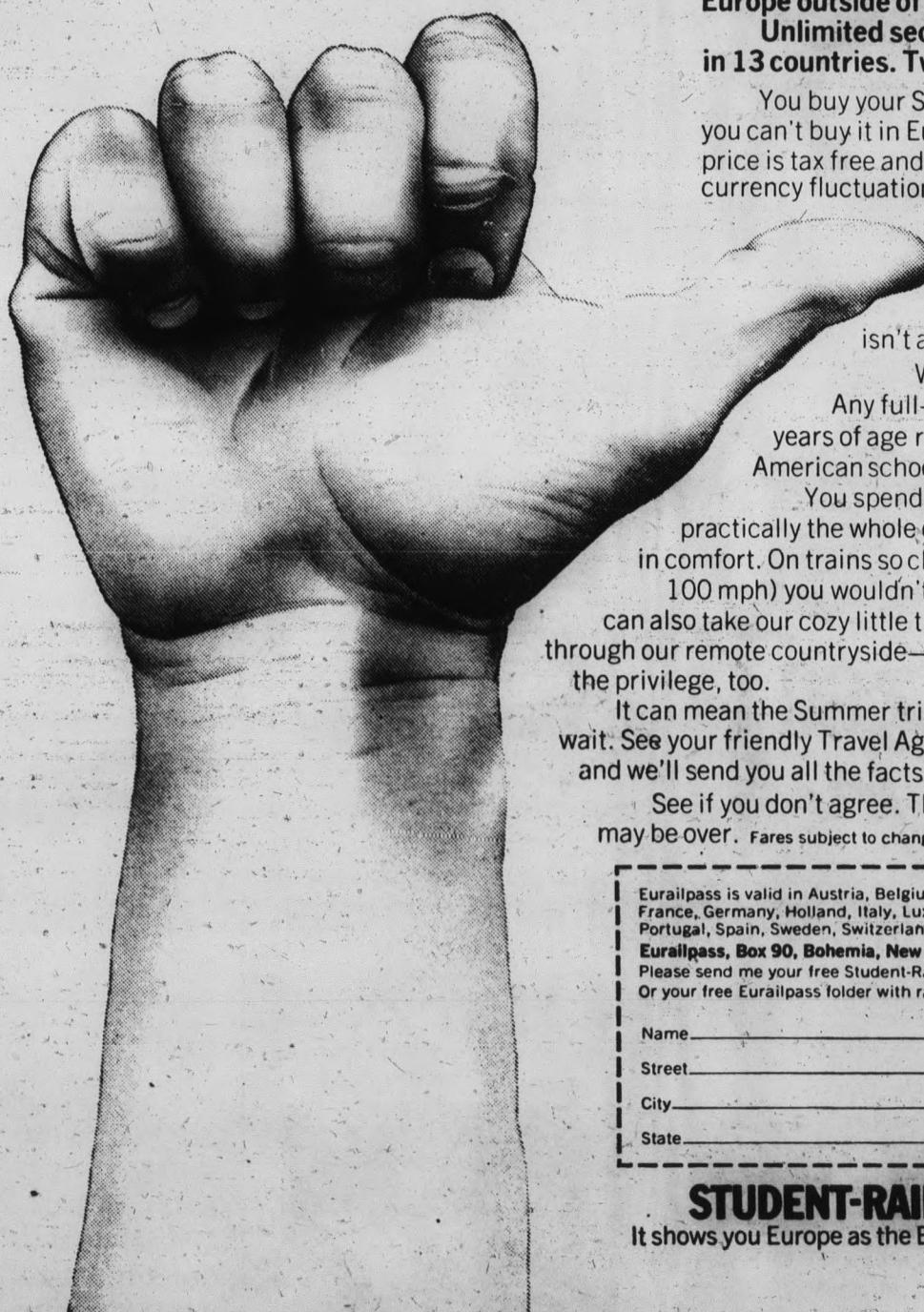
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'Pioneering' Beta Nu Seeks Help

According to Marshall, Beta Nu was reluctant to go against its own constitution. "We knew what the consequences would be," but he said, "we felt the constitution is going to have to change and we were just a little too impatient to wait for a change."

Harold Bright, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, wrote a letter to the national organization of Alpha Kappa Psi in Indianapolis, stating the University's position on equal rights. "We have informed the national chapter that either they (Beta Nu) have to admit women, or fail to be recognized by the University."

Tenley Rogers is one of four girls admitted this year to Beta Nu. "I think it's absurd that a national organization in business should

discriminate against women when they're perfectly capable of doing the job," she said. "It's unbelievable to me that I wouldn't be admitted to any organization because I'm a woman."

The earliest that any change can come in Alpha Kappa Psi's constitution, and the earliest Beta Nu can appeal its suspension, is 1975, the date of the next national meeting.

Until then, the local chapter is trying to retain its operational activity. "We're just currently looking into the possibility of joining another national organization so that we stay together as a group,"

said Marshall.

The local group is also trying to muster support from other chapters of Alpha Kappa Psi.

"We're kind of pioneering for the rest of the country in this organization," said Timbers.

Marshall said Beta Nu is trying to work with and through other chapters to develop a platform to submit to the national convention in 1975. The platform will not only advocate the admission of women, according to Marshall, it will also take into account rules for fraternity houses and other "trivial problems."

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Professionalism In GW Theater: Promise Behind the Paradox

by Chris Sjoholm
Asst. Arts Editor

There is a paradox evolving within the GW Drama department. At one point, this department can produce fine, entertaining theater; witness *Three Penny Opera* or *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*; but then it somehow manages a complete turnaround with insipid and uninspired attempts like *Dream Girl* or last Saturday night's production of three one-act plays in the basement of Lisner Auditorium.

It is a paradox which is aggravating and puzzling. One begins to question college theater itself. What is good college theater? How should it function?

To many, college drama is a training ground for what are hoped to be future roles on a professional stage. To others, the college stage is a testing area, where new ideas in stage production can be sprung upon audiences who will never see the plays again.

For actors, the stage represents the chance to be someone else, perhaps a great actor or actress. To still others, the function of college theater is to provide entertainment for a college community. These are merely a few goals which a college theater group will attempt to fulfill. The problem is that it is often done all at one time.

A closer examination might prove enlightening. First, can college theater teach acting? It doesn't seem to. Acting is considered a pastime that has no place in the college curriculum. I cannot understand why it is ignored. We teach painting, dance, and piano on this campus. Surely these are mere pastimes too. Sometimes the actor is

partially taught through a Speech department, but it is generally held that the actor gains most from experience, steady work, and a natural talent.

So one might conclude that college theaters, although many are excellent, cannot provide adequate training for the aspiring actor, who wishes to move onto the professional stage. It is possible, though, to believe that other areas of the professional theater, such as assistant directors, writers, and costumers, are easily accessible for college graduates.

One could even continue to offer his training and experience within the college theater. This then provides several areas where college theater experience is most welcome.

Or maybe we should be upset with these results. The walk-on parts of our campus theater could begin to aim at being a reasonable alternative to professional theater. Instead of the amateurism we are offered, why not a fresh attitude toward our school's theater, starting with the development of new drama-school curriculums. A start is the merging of amateur and professional talent. Undergraduates act in professional productions; graduate students direct some shows, and the professionals take on small roles in college productions. Each benefits from interplay with the other; the students gain experience and the professional is kept employed.

Another obvious benefit could be increased audience interest in drama productions. With talented actors and directors, audiences will be able to view varied and larger selections of plays. What is missing, though, is an equal growth in the quality of GW productions.

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There will be a meeting of the East Asian Society tonight at 5:15 in Center room 409. Everyone is invited.

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Sports

GW Gymnasts Shine In Meet

The GW Gymnastics Club turned in an impressive showing in the five team Virginia-D.C. gymnastics meet held April 5 and 6 at Gallaudet College.

Coach Mickey Rieman stated that he "planned to bring all the horses" to this meet after a good showing by a group of four from the GW club in a meet held in March.

Well, the horses came, saw and they conquered as they trotted home with eleven first place finishes and six second places. Leading the way by a wide margin was Doug Gurnsey who personally accounted for five of the first places.

Competing in both the Saturday compulsories and the optional routines held on Sunday, Gurnsey won both the parallel bars and the still rings on each day. Gurnsey captured the bars with a score of 8.75 out of a possible 10 in the compulsories and a 8.55 in the optional routines where the gymnast makes up his own routine. Gurnsey

was almost as good in the rings, where his scores were a 8.60 in the compulsories and a 7.81 optional.

Close behind Gurnsey in each event were Jack Diamond on the rings with scores of 8.30 in the compulsories and 7.65 in the optionals, and Keith Rey on the parallel bars scoring 8.45 in the required performance and a 8.12 in the optionals.

Gurnsey picked up his fifth and final first on the trampoline where he came up with a 7.95 in the compulsory competition.

Keith Rey, Diamond and Erik Carson picked up the rest of the men's first and second place ribbons. Rey sprung for a first in the optional side horse with a score of 8.05 and placed second in the required routine scoring 8.30.

Diamond literally sprung for his two firsts as he captured both the compulsories and optionals in the vaulting competition with scores of 8.00 and 7.48.

Sports Shorts

Thursday, April 18 at 4 p.m. there will be a meeting for prospective wrestlers for the 74-75 season. Contact Mark Furlane (337-5421).

The Colonials baseball game against Maryland scheduled for Tuesday was postponed and will not be rescheduled. The Buff Travel to Villanova today and then return home to face Richmond on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Softball schedules for this weekend are available in the IM office (676-6250).

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The Buff, who have been plagued all spring by bad weather, will try to get in two games this weekend, playing Villanova today and then coming home to face Richmond on Saturday. (photo by Jeff Fitting)

Female Rowers Swamp Princeton

The women's crew took to the water last weekend for their second match and emerged victorious, defeating Princeton for their second straight win.

The Tigers got off to a fast start by taking the first eights race in a

time of 2:46, but GW came back to win the second race by six inches in a time of 2:49. The 1000 meter race was neck and neck all the way, with the GW girls not realizing they had won until after they were notified.

Leading GW into the choppy

waters was the coxswain Becky Klett and the strokers Lucy Bowen and Bev Everett.

The race was delayed for two and a half hours before the water was calm enough to race on. Once in the water, GW proved their superiority.

The Crew is coached by Gerry Hefferen, and they practice every morning 5:45 until 7:30 a.m., six days a week.

Other girls on the squad include Judy Fitch, Kathleen Maley, Pat Cardenas, Pam Loos, Wendy Stirk and Melanie Allan.

The girls have a two week layoff before seeking their third victory in a match against Pennsylvania and Vesper Boat Club, next Saturday at noon at the Thompson Boathouse on the Potomac.

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Correction

The April 4 issue of the *Hatchet* incorrectly stated that Thierry Boussard was named MVP of the 1973 soccer team. The MVP has yet to be named but will be named April 17.